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SUBJECT: CSCE: MILITARY SECURITY - CBMS- PRIOR NOTIFICATION

OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS

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1. SUMMARY: DEBATE ON PARAMETERS FOR APPLICATION OF CBM
ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS HAS
PRODUCED PROPOSALS RELATED TO AREA OF APPLICATION AND
THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER GUIDANCE.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN DEBATE CONCERNING AREA OF APPLICATION OF CBM ON
MANEUVERS, U.K. SUGGESTED FOLLOWING TEXT: BEGIN TEXT.
"NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS (NATURE OF
COMMITMENT) GIVEN WHICH TAKE PLACE IN EUROPE IN THE
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TERRITORY OF ANY PARTICIPATING STATE, AND IF APPLICABLE IN THE ADJOININGSEA AREA AND AIRSPACE." END TEXT. COMMENT:

U.S. DEL CONSIDERS U.K. TEXT GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR NEUTRAL PROPOSAL WHICH INCLUDES REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE. RECOMMEND THAT U.S. DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT U.K. FORMULATION WHICH ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE INDICATED WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. END COMMENT.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION, SOVIETS CLING TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ARMY CORPS LEVEL MANEUVERS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THEY MAY EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A NUMERICAL FIGURE IN THE 18,000-25,000 RANGE. EVEN THEN, THERE IS A NEED TO FIND SOME WAY TO ACCOMMODATE NEUTRAL AND ALLIED INSISTENCE ON A REFERENCE TO NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS AT A LEVEL BELOW THE AGREED THRESHOLD FOR "MAJOR" MANEUVERS. TWO PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN TABLES IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE; ONE BY SOVIETS (REFTEL) READS AS FOLLOWS: "PARTICIPATING STATES MAY ALSO NOTIFY AT THEIR DISCRETION AND ON THE BASIS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS NEIGHBOR STATES OF SMALLER SCALE MILITARY MANEUVERS." YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL READS AS FOLLOWS: "AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL, WITH THE AIM OF INCREASING CONFIDENCE FURTHER, AND WITH DUE REGARD TO RECIPROCITY, THE PARTICIPATING STATES MAY ALSO NOTIFY OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES NEAR THE AREA OF ACTIVITY OF SMALLER SCALE MILITARY MANEUVERS." COMMENT. U.S. DEL FEELS THAT VOLUNTARY CHARACTER OF EITHER FORMULATION SHOULD NOT PRESENT USG WITH ANY MAJOR DIFFICULTY. OUR CONCERN OF COURSE IS TO PROTECT FREEDOM OF MANEUVERS FOR NAVAL AND AIR UNITS. RECOMMEND THAT U.S. DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SOME LOWER LEVEL OF NOTIFICATION ON A VOLUNTARY OR BILATERAL BASIS TO SATISFY NEEDS OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS AUSTRIA, TURKEY, NORWAY AND YUGOSLAVIA. END COMMENT. ABRAMS

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